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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005—06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 486

Introduced by Assembly Member Leslie

February 16, 2005

An act to amend Section 5630 of the Public Resources Code, relating to parks.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 486, as amended, Leslie. Urban open space and recreation.

Under the Roberti-Z'Berg-Harris Urban Open-Space and Recreation Program, certain moneys are available for grant purposes in any one fiscal year only for need basis grants to cities, counties, and districts on a project-by-project basis and on the basis of need for the acquisition or development of, or for special major maintenance of, recreational lands and facilities, or for innovative recreation programs. Existing law provides that 12% of those moneys shall be available for grants to cities and recreation and park districts in urbanized areas on a project-by-project basis and on the basis of need for the acquisition or development of, or special major maintenance of, recreational lands and facilities, or for innovative recreation programs. *Existing law makes jurisdictions that are heavily urbanized areas in cities ineligible for these funds.*

This bill would provide that the specified 12% of the moneys shall also be available to counties for those projects. *The bill would additionally make large counties and regional park districts that constitute heavily urbanized areas ineligible for these funds.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 5630 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

5630. Seventeen percent of the moneys available for grant purposes in any one fiscal year shall be available only for need basis grants to cities, counties, and districts on a project-by-project basis and on the basis of need for the acquisition or development of, or for special major maintenance of, recreational lands and facilities, or for innovative recreation programs, on the following basis:

(a) Eighty-eight percent of the moneys shall be available for grants to cities, counties, and districts in nonurbanized areas on a project-by-project basis and on the basis of need for the acquisition or development of, or for special major maintenance of, recreational lands and facilities, or for innovative recreation programs. The criteria for determining need shall include, but are not limited to, deficiencies in existing park and recreational lands and facilities, the impact of participants from outside the jurisdiction, and the overall merit of the grant proposal.

(b) Twelve percent of the moneys shall be available for grants to cities, counties, and recreation and park districts in urbanized areas on a project-by-project basis and on the basis of need for the acquisition or development of, or special major maintenance of, recreational lands and facilities, or for innovative recreation programs. The criteria for determining need shall include, but are not limited to, population density and the inability to complete park and recreation projects due to low total assessed valuation in the jurisdiction. Jurisdictions eligible for funds under subdivision (a) of Section 5629 shall not be eligible for funds under this section.